

APPENDIX B. AGENCY RESPONSE LETTERS

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Dear Mr. Shirley:

This is in response to your letter of July 25, 2001 regarding an environmental assessment for Grand Avenue (US 60) 43rd Avenue/Camelback Road.

Pages v through vii include a list of Mitigation Measures. The measures include obtaining necessary air quality and asbestos permits for demolition of structures. In addition to an Earthmoving Permit, separate permits may be needed for any cement or asphalt batch plants used at the construction site. The Maricopa County Environmental Services Department (MCESD) appreciates Arizona Department of Transportation's (ADOT's) acknowledgment of these requirements. We are able to assist the selected contractor with obtaining these permits. Please refer the selected contractor to this department by having them call 602-506-6010 for information.

Because Grand Avenue intersections have a history of high carbon monoxide concentrations during the winter months, the flow of traffic should be maintained during the construction project. On page 16, it is indicated that road closures and detours will occur at night or on weekends. The highest concentrations of carbon monoxide occur at night during winter months. Road closure and/or detours at night during a high air pollution advisory should be avoided, unless traffic flow can be maintained on all streets through and next to the construction project. ADOT or the selected contractor should maintain communication with the MCESD during the planning of night-time road closures or detours during winter months. The department's air quality program receptionist will gladly assist in finding someone to consult with about current air quality conditions. Please refer the appropriate person to 602-506-6010 for information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Al Brown", is written over a horizontal line.

Al Brown
Director

cc: Steve Peplau

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